

## 2017 Year in Review

For this last issue of the year, I pulled the most popular links from each issue and compiled the top 10 as a 'look back' on the world of Amateur Radio in 2017. Enjoy! –Cale K4HCK

### #10

#### End Fed Antennas – Where's the other half?

I was shocked to say the least, a guy that's been a ham for 20 years that's never heard of the End-Fed antenna?

[K5ACL](#) ([Issue 147](#))

### #9

#### What pushed Radio Shack into bankruptcy?

After two years of unsuccessful turnaround efforts, RadioShack filed for its second bankruptcy, citing poor mobile sales.

[The Christian Science Monitor](#) ([Issue 149](#))

### #8

#### FT8

I was actually flabbergasted by the amount of signals I already received at the 20m FT8 frequency. Within a few moments I already worked HA6NN and A92AA.

[PE4BAS](#) ([Issue 165](#))

### #7

#### Teardown Tuesday: Baofeng UV-5R

This display driver has been around since the late 80s.

[All About Circuits](#) ([Issue 148](#))

### #6

## **A better way to put a PL-259 on RG-58 coax**

This soldering technique simplifies assembly of PL-259s with RG-58 cable.

[KB6NU](#) ([Issue 155](#))

## **#5**

## **The future of Amateur Radio is not in the numbers**

In truth, anyone of any age is a potential good candidate to ensure the future of amateur radio.

[Off Grid Ham](#) ([Issue 170](#))

## **#4**

## **First transceiver with built-in FreeDV**

Chinese Ham Radio gear for HF with built-in FreeDV digital voice mode.

[marxy.org](#) ([Issue 153](#))

## **#3**

## **Millennials are killing Ham Radio**

Despite being clickbait, the title isn't wrong. Millennials are definitely killing ham radio, just like they're killing everything else.

[N0SSC](#) ([Issue 182](#))

## **#2**

## **80/40 Meter Loaded Dipole Antenna**

The plan for this antenna was to build a lightweight 80/40 meter antenna for field use (as part of my Go Kit) that wouldn't overload my 21 foot telescoping fiberglass mast.

[High on Solder](#) ([Issue 151](#))

## **#1**

## **FCC revisions will affect GMRS, FRS, CB, other Part 95 devices**

CBers will be allowed to contact stations outside of the FCC-imposed — but widely disregarded — 155.3 mile distance limit.

[ARRL](#) ([Issue 156](#))

## **Bonus!**

## **#11**

## **μBITX general coverage HF SSB/CW transceiver kit**

It works from 3 MHz to 30 MHz, with up to 10 watts on SSB and CW with a very sensitive receiver.

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## #12

### The "Slick Six" 6 meter horizontal dipole

This antenna is small, only about 9 feet 4 inches from end to end and is easy to adjust.

[hamuniverse.com](http://hamuniverse.com) ([Issue 145](#))

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